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Arts and Sciences to announce split

Growing deficit causing college to break into two new colleges come January

KATE HOWELL
News Editor

The College of Arts and Sciences, reeling from a multimillion-dollar deficit, will be divided into the College of Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities in January.

"The provost [Terry Hickey] is breaking the College of Arts and Sciences into two pieces," Mary Alice Shaver, the director of the Nicholson School of Communication, told her facul-

ty at a meeting Friday morning. "It has been precipitated by a \$5.6 million shortfall."

Hickey plans to meet with faculty today to discuss the proposed realignment, the budget and the reasons behind the shortfall, but the new division lines seem to be, as more than one faculty member suggested, "a done deal."

According to Hickey's plan, outlined on a document distributed during the meeting, the College of Arts and Humanities

will comprise two divisions: Visual and Performing Arts, which will consist of the departments of art, music and theater, and the School of Film and Digital Media; and Humanities, consisting of the departments of history, modern languages, philosophy, and liberal and interdisciplinary studies.

The College of Sciences will comprise the Division of Natural Sciences, which will be made up of the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics,

physics and statistics; and the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, consisting of the departments of anthropology, political science, psychology, sociology and the Nicholson School of Communication.

Kathryn Seidel, current Arts and Sciences dean, will become the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. The dean of the College of Sciences and the four associate deans, each to be assigned to a division, are expected to be in place by Janu-



COURTESY NICHOLSON SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS
The Nicholson School of Communication is one of the many programs that will find itself in a new college come January when the College of Arts and Sciences splits in two.

ary. These positions would be appointed for the interim while a search is conducted for a permanent dean and associated

deans.

"We have very imperfect

PLEASE SEE **PROFESSORS** ON A7

Traveling fans enjoy flavor of the South

Football roadtrip results in love for 'best barbecue ever'

SEAN LAVIN
Senior Staff Writer

Tiffany and Angela Chuk love UCF football. The twin sisters travel to every game they can.

But despite the passion the duo displays for the Golden Knights, sometimes the best part of their trips happens outside the stadium.

Such was the case Saturday in Hattiesburg, Miss. Before the game began, the twins stumbled across a restaurant called Leatha's Bar-B-Que Inn, a place they say made the nearly nine-hour drive from Orlando worth it — despite UCF's disappointing loss to Southern Miss.

"It was the best barbecue we ever had," Tiffany Chuk said after her meal.

Every other UCF student who dined there before the football game Saturday felt the same way. But the wood-grilled steaks and succulent barbecue pork ribs weren't the only things to impress the traveling Knights — Leatha's story did too.

"Momma always wanted her a barbecue place, so she prayed and asked God to give her one," Leatha's daughter Bonnie Jackson said while running to refill a customer's glass of sweet tea inside the simple, Southern-style restaurant.

Leatha's husband sold his house in 1974 and worked for two years to raise enough money to open the restaurant in 1976. "It was a blessing," Jackson said.

Before Leatha got into the restaurant business, her life wasn't easy. More than 70 years ago, Leatha's daily life consisted mostly of picking cotton from a hot Mississippi field.

"There weren't nothin' to eat 'cept what we could scrape up," Leatha explains on her Web site. "Mama might make a stew or boil some greens. Lots of nights we went to bed hungry."

Leatha eventually made a decision that would take her out of the cotton fields and place her at the head of restaurant business that has been awarded the highest honor ever bestowed on a restaurant in the state of Mississippi by the state's largest newspaper.

With just \$2 in her pocket, Leatha traveled by bus to Bogalusa, La., where she worked in her aunt's café and learned

PLEASE SEE **BARBECUE** ON A10

MIDKNIGHT MADNESS

Another season, same old champions, brand new conference



REBECCA BARNETT / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

UCF men's basketball Coach Kirk Speraw led his two-time defending Atlantic Sun Conference champions on to the hardwood floor of the UCF Arena Friday night for Midnight Madness. The Knights enter their first season of Conference USA play and return all but two players from last year's NCAA Tournament team. Led by junior Josh Peppers, UCF tips off the 2005-06 season on Nov. 18 at home against Rollins College.

SENATE

Senate off to cultural start, keeps pro tempore

MARK JUSTICE
Senior Staff Writer

The recently elected 38th SGA Senate started this year's legislative session by funding a cultural event sponsored by the African Association and re-electing veteran Sen. Kelly Travis as the Senate President Pro Tempore.

Travis said that she is "very excited to again be given that honor," and emphasized that one of her main projects as pro temp will be designing a program where students will compete to create a new cheer for UCF athletic events.

Sen. Victor Perez described Travis as highly qualified, saying that she would "serve the student body and Senate."

One of the first and perhaps most important duties of the pro temp is to appoint two students to serve as deputy pro tempores.

After her initial election to the position of pro tempore for the 37th SGA Senate late last summer, Travis, who had formerly served as a deputy pro tempore, quickly re-appointed longtime fellow deputy pro tempore Logan Berkowitz to the position, and also added Senate newcomer Rafael Padron to fill one of the positions.



MATT POLLITT / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Sen. Kelly Travis was re-elected as the Senate President Pro Tempore during last Thursday's Senate meeting.

Travis did not say if she would be re-appointing the same individuals to serve as deputy pro tempores for the 38th Senate, but will hold interviews this week and announce her decision at Thursday's meeting.

Travis was also responsible for introducing the year's first bill, which

PLEASE SEE **AFRICAN** ON A8

Newly elected get lesson on policies

Annual Senate retreat teaches veterans, rookies rules and jobs

ASHLEY BURNS
Managing Editor

Mark White, speaker of the SGA Senate, has a point to prove with the recently elected 38th Senate.

White organized this year's Senate retreat, which was held from Oct. 6 to Oct. 8, in order to help achieve his goal of having the most successful Senate year to date.

He also wanted to prove that the student body could put its faith in the senators after what many viewed as an easy election with many senators running unopposed. Many of the senators are rookies to the Student Government Association scene and the goal of the annual retreat was to introduce them to the standard guidelines and duties of UCF senators.

"This is going to be one of the most successful Senates that people are going to see," White said. "The

student body is going to see a huge difference between now and the past as far as communication between senators and student organizations as well as the administration."

White said the success of the retreat was evident at last Thursday's Senate meeting, which he said was well-run and almost flawless. The meeting featured one bill going through all three readings and being passed because it was time sensitive, White said. He added that the process of making motions and debating the bill was helpful for giving the new senators an idea of what the upcoming year will consist of.

"Senate retreat was a great opportunity to learn how the legislative process works more in detail," said Tara O'Keeffe, a senator from the College of Arts and Sciences who is serving her first full term after being appointed to the 37th Senate over the summer.

"We did a lot of team building activities that helped us get to know each other," she said. "I'm really excited to work with everyone this

PLEASE SEE **RETREAT** ON A6

AROUND
CAMPUSNews and notices for
the UCF community

Help earthquake victims

The Pakistani Student Association will be collecting money for the earthquake victims in South Asia from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. today on the South Patio.

The earthquake has affected Pakistan, Afghanistan and India with a death toll reaching 40,000 and an estimated 3 million people left homeless.

The PSA will give out information on ways to help the victims as well as collecting donations.

For more information, call Arslan Basharat at 407-927-6585.

Concert raises violence awareness

Victim Services will host a Strike Back live music event from noon until 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Memory Mall.

The concert is being held to increase awareness of domestic violence. Bands will include Langley Holland and After It's Over.

For more information, call Victim Services Outreach at 407-823-4502.

McNair Day brings honors research

The Second Annual McNair Day will be held from 8:15 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom.

McNair scholars will present their research. Presentations will be followed by an induction program and luncheon.

Stephanie Evans, an assistant professor at the University of Florida, will speak on the contributions of minority Ph.D.s to research.

For more information, call Joseph Green at 407-823-1818.

Learn to create the ideal resume

The Student Resource Center will hold a resume workshop from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in Ferrell Commons, Building 7 Room 185.

Students should bring a draft of their resume to this hands-on workshop where they will be taught techniques for creating resumes that will land them their dream job or internship.

For more information, call 407-823-2361.

Experts discuss race, justice, law

John Elmore, a criminal defense attorney with offices in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y. and author of "Fighting For your Life: The African American Criminal Justice Survival Guide," will speak at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom.

Elmore will speak about his book and his experiences as a lawyer. His speech will be followed by a panel discussion that will include community members representing the criminal justice and legal fields in Central Florida.

For more information, call Melvin Rogers at 407-823-0450.

LET US KNOW

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Students building new networks

Radio, television clubs and organizations helping members ready for careers

ABEER ABDALLA
Staff Writer

National clubs and organizations that cater to professionals in the journalism field, both print and broadcast, have created a niche at UCF, helping students network and striving for diversity.

Although being a member of these extracurricular activities offers students the opportunity to pad their résumé, those participating in the organizations believe in benefits beyond that.

Christy Burson, a UCF senior and president of the Radio and Television News Directors Association, said the long-range development possibilities offered by RTNDA are its greatest gift to members.

"I think one of the biggest challenges most communication students face is finding that job after graduation," she said. "Especially if it is in news."

"Bringing in professionals and teaching workshops really gives students a chance to learn more outside of the classroom. And trust me, you learn new stuff everyday."

RTNDA is the world's largest and only professional organization exclusively serving the electronic news profession.

Though the student chapters were founded in 1987, RTNDA's commitment to youth and grassroots development in the medium has existed since its inception in 1946.

Numerous RTNDA members agree that much of their success is due to their adviser, RTV instructor Lisa Mills.

One student said that without Mills, she wouldn't be an RTV major, much less a member of RTNDA.

"Mills is such an inspiration," she said. "She's a strong, committed woman who balances career, family and all of us. She lights up when she talks about the business. Forget Barbara Walters. When I grow up, I want to be Mills."

The radio and television majors in the Nicholson School of Communication have three options for their degree: broadcast journalism, production and generalist. RTNDA specifically caters to those on the broadcast journalism track, and it was once the only organization available for those in that field.

Recently noting the void, students with the help of communication instructor Ken Fischer decided to reactivate an organization with production-track majors in mind.

The National Broadcasting Society, formed in 1943, is a nationwide organization for professional radio and television broadcasters, student



Steve Middleton, Christy Burson, Christine Ly and Asher Wildman, left to right, of the Radio Television News Directors Association took part in the Multimedia Job/Internship Fair Oct. 3.

broadcasters and communication majors.

Kate Robinson, a UCF junior and the chief organizer of the UCF chapter of NBS, believes that understanding student needs is the main goal of NBS.

Robinson hopes NBS will allow her and fellow students to get the immediate hands-on experience they crave.

"I won't even get to touch any equipment until my senior year," Robinson said. "I definitely think a lot of communication students feel that they are behind, especially if they weren't exposed to any technology classes in high school."

"NBS hopes to help this challenge by offering alternatives to just classes, like outside projects and field trips," she said.

Print and broadcast journalism majors can participate in both the Society of Professional Journalists and the more specialized National Association of Black Journalists.

The NABJ is an organization of journalists and students that is geared toward black journalists worldwide. It lists its mission as "passion, pride, purpose and power."

In addition to its commitment to black journalists, NABJ works in conjunction with UNITY: Journalists of Color, an alliance that joins the perspectives of the black, Hispanic and American Indian communities to work toward a national understanding of diversity in media.

SPJ is dedicated to "the perpetuation of a free press as the

cornerstone of our nation and our liberty."

The UCF chapter of SPJ is best known for the success of the Multimedia Job/Internship Fair on Oct. 3 it co-sponsored with NABJ and RTNDA.

Several SPJ members are currently attending the organization's national conference, held this year in Las Vegas. They will bring the information and techniques gathered back to the students at UCF.

SPJ vice president and senior journalism major Megan Matuszak said that offering members real-world scenarios is invaluable.

"On top of the most important factor, which is maintaining your credibility, journalists are faced with a lot of tough decisions — not only professionally, but morally," Matuszak said. "We try to prepare journalism students for situations that they might encounter later on, but might not have considered beforehand."

Another specialized organization is the Association for Women in Communications. The AWC, however, prides itself in also having male members who believe in the advancement of women in the fields of communication.

AWC is committed to helping modern communicators "demonstrate competency in varied disciplines and be able to network and make career moves across the broad spectrum of communications fields."

Disciplines AWC recognizes include multimedia design, photography, public

relations, advertising, marketing, graphic design, film, television and radio production, print and broadcast journalism.

UCF's chapter of AWC has been inactive in recent years, but students recently approached former adviser Carol Bledsoe about restarting the organization on campus.

In one afternoon, students gathered more than 33 interested members and have plans to recruit even more. The emerging chapter views SPJ's reactivation in August 2004 as inspiration.

Audra Ashton Burroughs, junior RTV major and co-organizer of AWC, hopes that having men and women involved will help eliminate stereotypes and misinformation about women in media.

"I think that images are some of the greatest segments of communication power," Burroughs said. "To many, women are still objects. If you have something to say than you should be heard regardless of race, gender, creed or dress size."

Among the most intriguing developments with the success of these journalism and communication organizations is the leadership.

All five of the clubs are led and run by female students; men are part of the development, but women are at the helm. During the Oct. 3 Media Job/Internship Fair, the majority of the student participants was women.

Burroughs only sees this as a positive.

"I find it to be absolutely inspiring," Burroughs said. "Yes, we're hard-working organizations with much to accomplish, but it's fantastic to proclaim that we're women too. I'm sure wherever they are, Oprah and Gloria Steinem are smiling."

All the organizations provide scholarship, networking, enrichment and award opportunities to their members.

For those looking to expand their involvement, there are also honor societies connected to the Nicholson School, including the well-established Sigma Eta chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the undergraduate national communication honor society, and Alpha Epsilon Rho, the national honor society for NBS members.

To date, NBS has yet to decide if they will enact AER at UCF.

Membership in one or many journalism/communication organizations provides an opportunity to get to know peers in the field.

"We really want the members of our club(s) to get to know each other," Burson said. "We are our best contacts in this business."

NATION &
WORLDKeep current with headlines
you may have missedDeath toll continues to rise in
earthquake-stricken region

BALAKOT, Pakistan — The death toll from Pakistan's earthquake rose sharply to nearly 40,000 on Saturday, with the president warning the numbers could jump still higher as relief teams reach more villages in the endless folds of the Himalayan mountains.

Homeless survivors searched desperately for blankets and tents to brace against temperatures that dropped to 46 degrees. The suddenly cold weather in some hard-hit areas was an ominous sign that winter was fast approaching — with thousands of villagers still cut off from any aid whatsoever a week after the magnitude 7.6 quake hit the region.

Heavy rain began early Saturday and continued past daybreak Sunday in many stricken towns and snow fell in the surrounding mountains, disrupting efforts to help an estimated 2 million people still lacking shelter. Only 18,000 tents have been given so far to house them, Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said Saturday.

With temperatures down to 46 degrees and torrential rains that continued past sunrise on Sunday, the hard-hit town of Bagh became a rain-soaked nightmare for victims streaming in from nearby villages seeking help from aid groups.

Sunni Iraqis turnout in high
numbers for constitutional vote

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sunni Arabs voted in surprisingly high numbers on Iraq's new constitution Saturday, many of them hoping to defeat it in an intense competition with Shiites and Kurds over the shape of the nation's young democracy after decades of dictatorship.

With little violence, turnout was more than 66 percent in the three most crucial provinces.

The constitution still seemed likely to pass, as expected. But the large Sunni turnout made it possible that the vote would be close or even go the other way, and late Saturday it appeared at least two of a required three provinces might reject it by a wide margin.

Washington hopes the constitution will be approved so that Iraqis can form a legitimate, representative government, tame the insurgency and enable the 150,000 U.S. troops to begin to withdraw.

After polls opened at 7 a.m., whole families turned out at voting stations, with parents carrying young children, sometimes in holiday clothes.

Men and women lined up by the hundreds in some places or kept up a constant traffic into heavily bunkered polls, dressed in their best in suits and ties or neatly pressed veils — or in shorts and flip-flops, weary from the day's Ramadan fast.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

TV probe shows major security lapses at college nuclear reactors

TUCSON, Ariz. — A network television report found "gaping security holes" at reactor sites on 25 college campuses. The University of Arizona reportedly had no such lapses.

ABC-TV interns observed no guards, no metal detectors and some building doors unlocked even at night at some of the campus reactor sites.

But the investigation revealed no lapses in security for the 47-year-old, seldom-used nuclear reactor in the Engineering Building near the center of the Arizona campus, said UA spokesman Paul Allvin.

Two graduate students, who did not identify themselves as ABC interns, were denied a tour of the facility for lack of a legitimate reason and though they reported entering the building at night through unlocked doors, the building is routinely open for computer lab access, Allvin said.

The four-month ABC investigation used 10 graduate students, who traveled the country to test security of reactors at 25 colleges.

At some universities, including Florida, Wisconsin, Purdue and Ohio State, students were able to get into high-security areas with no background checks and actually enter reactor areas.

More Big Ten college students are graduating in six years

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State University's six-year graduation rate has risen 6 percentage points this year, from 62 percent to 68 percent, and officials expect to top 70 percent next year.

The six-year rate is the measure used nationally. The school credits its switch to selective admissions for much of the improvement.

The change has meant a gradual improvement in the GPA, ACT score and class rank of incoming freshmen.

Ohio State's graduation rate has leapfrogged 17 percentage points in the past 10 years. At that time, just 51 percent of OSU freshmen were graduating within six years.

Last year, Ohio State was second from the bottom when compared with the other public schools in the Big Ten. Only Minnesota, with a 57 percent graduation rate, was lower.

Sexual harassment case prompts professor to give up his tenure

SALEM, Ore. — A professor accused of sexually harassing a student has given up his tenured job at Western Oregon University.

John Minahan, the school's interim president announced that Professor Gary Welander, 59, will retire at the end of the school year.

For the next three years following his retirement, he will be allowed to work half-time in a nonteaching capacity.

Welander is now working full time at the university's athletic department, where he is responsible for tracking the academic eligibility of student-athletes. His yearly salary is \$65,232 — the same pay he received as a tenured professor in the Teacher Education Division.

Minahan said the deal is intended to settle a sexual harassment scandal that divided the small campus. It also prompted Gov. Ted Kulongoski to order the state's seven public universities to assess whether they were doing enough to protect students from sexual harassment.

Welander was hired at Western Oregon in 1983, five years after he pleaded guilty to a charge of sexually abusing an underage girl while he was a public school teacher in a Portland suburb.

Earlier this year, the state paid former Western Oregon student Rosemary Garcia \$65,000 to settle her sexual-harassment lawsuit against Welander and the school.

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NATION & WORLD



A man takes pictures of the Merrimack River in Lawrence, Mass., Sunday. Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney lifted the state of emergency, sending a signal that the worst is over.

FROM A2

Some 9 million Iraqis cast ballots, election officials said, announcing a preliminary turnout estimate of 61 percent.

Romania quarantines region as Bird Flu reaches Europe

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romanian authorities called for calm Saturday as they quarantined an eastern region where tests confirmed Europe's first appearance of a deadly strain of bird flu that has devastated flocks and killed dozens of people in Asia.

Poland's government, meanwhile, banned the sale of live birds at open-air markets and ordered farmers to keep poultry in closed quarters beginning Monday. It also banned pigeon races.

On Friday, after the deadly H5N1 virus was confirmed in Turkey, on Europe's doorstep, European Union experts agreed that steps should be taken to limit contact between domestic fowl and wild birds. Experts say migrating birds have spread the disease since it appeared in Southeast Asia two years ago.

Authorities around the world fear the virus could mutate into a form that can be passed among people, leading to a flu pandemic that some say could potentially kill millions. So far, most of the 60 humans deaths involving H5N1 have been linked to victims' contact with birds.

Floods caused severe damage, threat remains in the Northeast

WORCESTER, Mass. — Severe flooding swept away cars, uprooted trees and forced evacuations as the Northeast endured another day of driving rain Saturday. But in some places, there was good news — the sun was shining.

Forecasters expected strong winds overnight but said the worst of the heavy rain appeared to be over. Parts of the Northeast have endured more than a foot of rain since Oct. 7.

Flooding kept roads and highways shut down Saturday, halted train service and prompted Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney to declare a state of emergency, following the lead of New Jersey and New Hampshire. The death toll rose to 11 when a 75-year-old Connecticut man was swept away by rushing water at a campground. Four people in New Hampshire also have been missing for a week.

In Massachusetts alone, the flooding is estimated to have caused more than \$6.5 million in damages, Romney said.

Though the worst rain was over, the region was not out of danger. Flood warnings were in effect in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire as rivers swelled and officials worried that dams might burst.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEEK IN HEALTH

RACHEL BAUMBACH
Staff Writer

Minnesota state health officials announced four polio infections discovered in an Amish community of about two dozen households in its rolling farm country on Thursday — the first known cases in the United States in five years.

The Amish community, which has no official name, has seen a rush of visitors from the state Health Department after three siblings under 16 were diagnosed. Two weeks earlier, an infant from the community had been diagnosed with polio, and state doctors expect more cases to flourish.

None of the four have developed symptoms, and health officials say most polio cases do not result in paralysis. Still, members of the community are being encouraged to take part in immunization as soon as possible to reduce the chances that the virus will spread. Only unvaccinated people are at risk.

However, many members of the isolated Amish community, which has very little contact with modern society, don't trust vaccinations.

Residents appear split on what to do after doctors diagnosed the four cases of the polio virus in their children. While some have decided on vaccinations, others prefer leaving the matter in God's hands.

"Some people are very open, some people want to think about it, some people just say no," Harry Hull, a Min-

nesota epidemiologist, said.

After consulting with Amish leaders, officials decided to approach families separately about vaccinations to avoid social pressures in the extremely close-knit community. Most of the families have settled there in only the past five years.

The last reported cases of paralytic polio in the United States were three in 1999, and three in 1998. There was a significant outbreak in 1979 in Amish communities in Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

According to Jane Seward, chief of the viral-vaccine preventable disease unit at the Centers for Disease Control, many Amish people were vaccinated after that outbreak.

Until 2000, the United States used a live virus vaccine for polio, which caused about eight cases of paralytic polio a year. The United States and Canada currently use an injected vaccine made from the killed virus, but some Amish still fear a vaccination could inadvertently infect their children with polio.

State doctors don't know the source of the recent infection. Hull said it appears to be a mutated version of a live polio vaccine, which is still used in some countries.

Health officials consider polio eliminated in the Western Hemisphere. It persists in other parts of the world, including India, Nigeria, Yemen and Pakistan, according to the World Health Organization.

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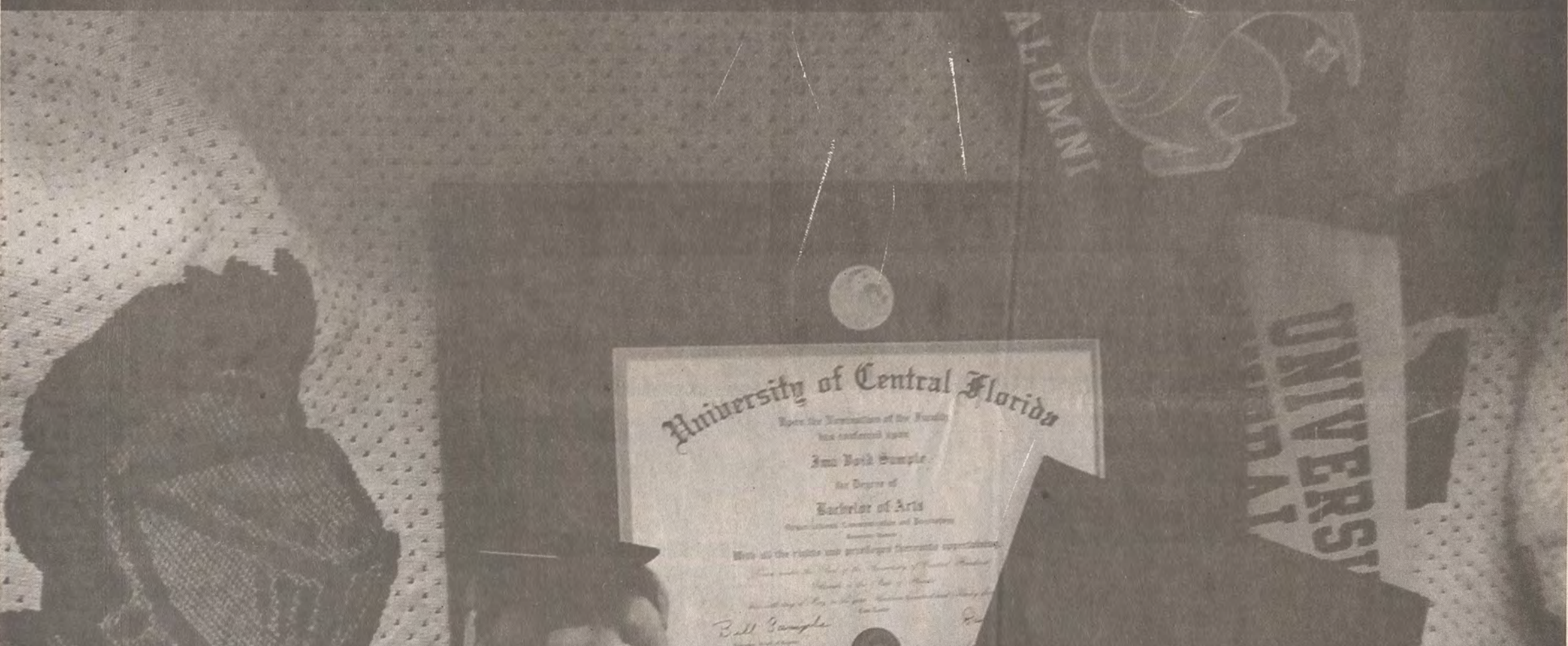


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Global warming, hurricane debate rages long after summer storms pass

Scientists argue over the climate's impact on storms

MELISSA PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

With the deadly aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and an unusually high instance of other storms this season, an overwhelming number of scientists, journalists and politicians worldwide are speaking out about global warming and its alleged correlation.

Some sources say it's a travesty that America's denial of global warming, fueled by ignorance and an unwillingness to challenge the big oil companies, has gotten this far. Their opponents call them paranoid doom-and-gloomers who misinterpret facts and stir up unnecessary fear.

Martin Quigley, director of the UCF Arboretum, likened global warming of the Earth's atmosphere to the front seat of a car on a hot day, and when the windows are rolled up the heat is trapped and begins to fry its surroundings.

"We have made a choice to burn massive amounts of fossil fuels around the globe," Quigley said, "and what people are only beginning to realize is that in doing so we have also made a choice to roll up the windows."

This can mean trouble for hurricanes, which are formed when warm water, generally above 80 degrees Fahrenheit, mixes with humid air to increase the energy of a low-intensity tropical storm. Logically, the more often waters are hotter than 80 degrees Fahrenheit, the more likely a hurricane could result.

But it's not always that simple.

"There may be many factors involved in how many hurricanes would come about in a given year, and there are all kinds of geologic cycles that we're only starting to understand," said Ronnie Hawkins, a UCF associate philosophy professor and environmental ethicist. "But it seems a very simple matter to come to the conclusion that ... with more heat in the ocean, the storms that do occur will be greater in intensity. The big obstacle is pretending this isn't happening."

An article in the August issue of Science magazine stated that "the number of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes worldwide has nearly doubled over the past 35 years" and that "the shift occurred as global sea surface temperatures have increased over the same period," according to a study done by Georgia Institute of Technology and the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change agrees with this evidence, concluding that global warming in the last half-century is likely due to an increase in greenhouse gases.

However, the panel also cautioned that there are uncertainties involved due to natural climate variability, the questionable ability of hurricane models and doubts about estimates of temperatures going back thousands of years.

If global warming has any effect on hurricanes, it is small, according to James O'Brien, director of the Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies at Florida State University.

"Our planet is like one big heat engine," O'Brien said to a report for the Heartland Institute of Chicago, Ill. "My view is that the planet will adjust."

O'Brien was among a group of five experts on climate change who wrote U.S. Sen. John McCain in September 2004, calling the theory that global warming was related to increased hurricane activity "demonstrably false."

The letter said well-documented and centuries-old evidence, as well as computer models, suggest

warmer periods may actually generate a decline in the number or severity of such storms, according to the Heartland article.

Quigley strongly believes that the scientific evidence in support of global warming is simply too strong for any legitimate scientist to deny it, without being blackmailed or bribed by the government or private industry.

"No real scientists are denying the effects of global warming," Quigley said. "The media has gone to a lot of paid quacks who will contradict it. The Bush administration has deleted scientific opinions from their reports in order to editorialize whatever they need to

say."

In 1995, a public utility hearing in Minnesota found that the coal industry had paid more than \$1 million to four scientists who were public dissenters on global warming. Exxon Mobil Corp. has spent more than \$13 million since 1998 on an anti-global warming public relations and lobbying campaign.

Quigley said that further evidence of America's favor toward oil companies can be seen in its reluctance to sign the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty designed to combat the effects of global warming. Since the United States emits 25 percent of the world's greenhouse gases, its refusal to sign sharply weakens the treaty's overall effectiveness.

The strongest arguments against U.S. participation in the Kyoto Protocol come from businesses that fear the economy would be significantly damaged both in the form of profits and workers' jobs.

In the question of whether global warming can be tied to the surge in hurricane activity, not even all UCF authorities are in accord.

Cherie Geiger, associate professor and associate chair of chemistry at UCF, can't be sure of the exact manifestations of global warming, but she's certain of what action should be taken.

"There is not yet scientific proof to validate that the level of warming we have experienced thus far has caused the disaster hurricanes we've seen in the last couple years," Geiger said. "Whether or not an individual 'believes' in global warming, he or she can't argue that it is a prudent step to change our behavior to lower the concentrations of the gases that may cause global warming."

"No real scientists are denying the effects of global warming."

— MARTIN QUIGLEY
DIRECTOR OF THE UCF ARBORETUM

Retreat focused on how senators could better serve constituents

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session."

The event, held in St. Petersburg, is typically mandatory for all senators. However, some were absent due to prior speaking obligations at other conferences. White said the main point was to educate new senators, but that keeping established senators up to date with policies and parliamentary procedures was also important.

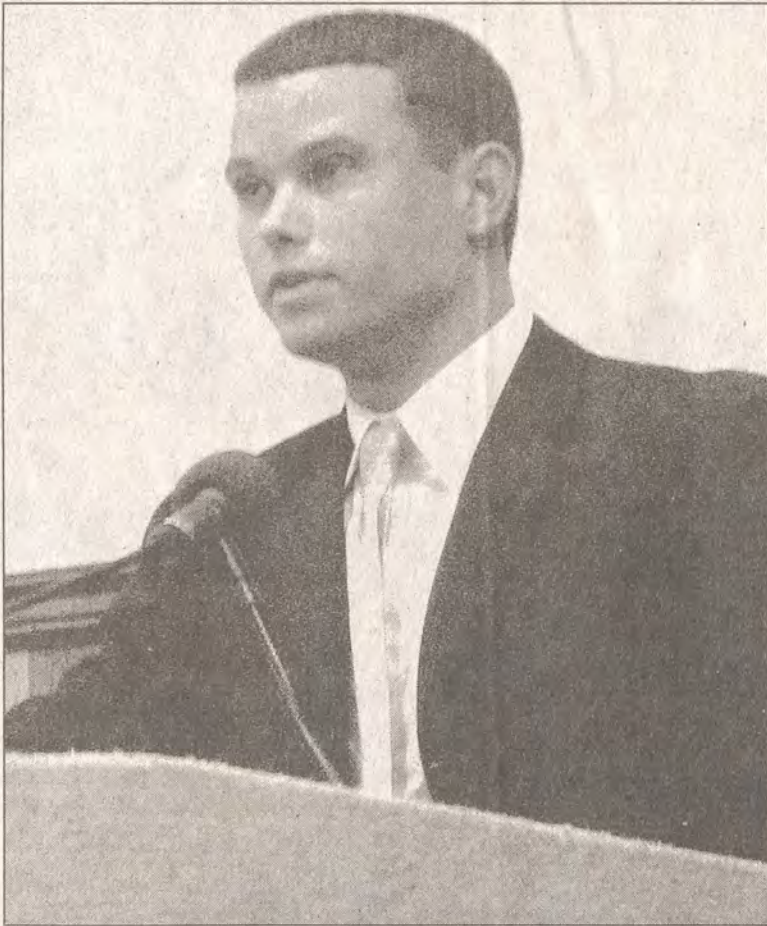
"When you're talking about rules and procedures, you're going to be focused more on the newly elected senators," White said. "For a lot of the older senators it's a refresher course. It's really beneficial to everyone. The main focus is to let everyone know that we're here to represent different colleges, but our overall goal is to work as a team and to really compromise with each other."

Anthony Furbush, a second-term senator from the College of Business, echoed White's determination in making the 38th Senate that much more successful, and said that the retreat was a step in the right direction. He added that the presentations by the agency directors and other activities were very helpful in helping everyone get to know each other.

"It was a really good time," Furbush said. "It gave us a great chance to bond outside of the element. It was conducted very well and everyone received a lot of information that they probably didn't already know even if they were senators already."

Also in attendance and contributing to the retreat were SGA Student Body President Willie Bentley Jr., director of Student Legal Services Patricia MacKown and other members of the SGA's executive and legislative branches. Many of the agency directors like MacKown and Kerry Welch, director of the Office of Student Involvement, gave presentations explaining their roles with SGA and the resources they can offer the student senators to help them better serve their constituents.

The senators and agency directors spent the majority of



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Speaker of the Senate Mark White said this year the Senate aims to focus more on student needs and encourages all senators to treat their jobs professionally.

Friday getting to know each other and conducting presentations. They also spent time going over the roles and duties of each senator.

"One thing we did this year that we didn't really ever do in the past was lay out the expectations for what the student body expects from the senators," White said. "We talked about what administration and the faculty expect from the senators. We really laid it out very clearly to everyone."

The senators spent Saturday getting to know each other through a variety of icebreakers and other games. Celena Buskirk, the outdoor adventure coordinator at the Recreation and Wellness Center, supplied the games for the icebreaker, which White said was "really successful."

A portion of Saturday was also devoted to Senate rules and parliamentary procedure, as well as teaching the new senators their roles and responsibilities in Senate and their committees.

White said the senators were told the purpose and goals of each committee. He said they paid specific attention to each and every detail to make sure the senators understood that the goal this year is to make Senate as professional as possible.

"We really decided that this year we're going to treat our jobs like the professional jobs that they are," White said. "We're really going to hold ourselves responsible to the student body and make sure the students know that. We're going to be working extremely hard for them throughout the year."

The majority of the newly elected senators ran unopposed, something that White attributes to a stronger backing and involvement with campus organizations within the different colleges. It's that kind of faith from the student body that White said will help unify the 38th Senate.

"I think we're on the right track," he added.

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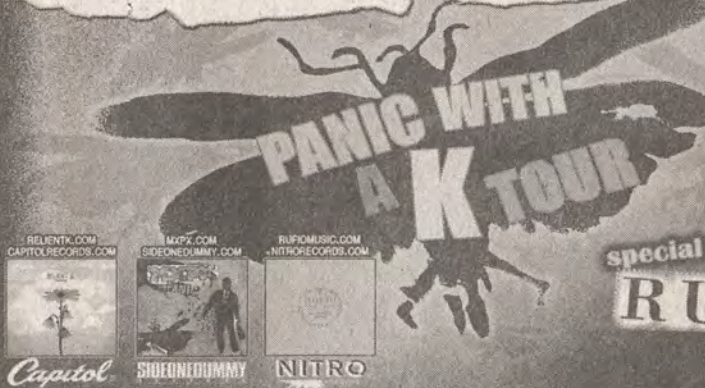
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Professors aim for separate college

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knowledge," Shaver said. "This is what he [Hickey] decided. He and [UCF President John Hitt] are furious with [the College of] Arts and Sciences."

Friday's meeting at the Nicholson School was meant to give faculty a chance to respond to being placed in a college of science — not the usual designation for communication at most universities. Opinions varied, but sentiment leaned toward the social science designation.

And one alternative idea emerged: creating a separate College of Communication, which several faculty members said was deserved and overdue.

The Nicholson School of Communication is unique among arts and sciences schools and departments. It includes interpersonal and organizational communication, and the mass communication fields of advertising, journalism, public relations and radio-TV. What classification the school falls under can affect tenure and funding.

Communication faculty members debated Friday which category their disciplines were closer to: social science or art. One complication is though most of the communication faculty members conduct research similar to that of social scientists, some view themselves more comfortably in the arts and humanities. And many of the classes taught by the school are small and based heavily on practical experience, much like an art or film class.

Journalism professor Dan Shaver outlined that paradox and noted that not all communication faculty were classic social scientists.

"We do a lot of things that aren't social sciences," he said. "When [professor Rick Kenney] does ethics, that's closer to philosophy than social science ... There's another difference, and that is the kinds of classes we teach."

Shaver described social science classes as "theoretical" whereas most communication

classes are "skill classes."

"We're teaching skills, we're not teaching broad-ranging theories," he said.

Lisa Mills, a radio/TV instructor, expressed her view of the social science behind communication instruction.

"We teach our students how to communicate with sound, words and visuals," Mills said. "We're not an art. We're not producing films for people to ponder. We're creating a message."

The consensus of the communication faculty at Friday's meeting was that the social science classification seemed more appropriate.

"There seems to be an inclination to be in the College of Sciences," Mary Alice Shaver said.

Most of the faculty at the meeting agreed, however, that the school preferred and deserved its own status as a college — partly because of its size and partly because of its unique disciplines.

"We'd be our own school if we had our druthers," said Frank Stansberry, an instructor in public relations. "I think we have to acknowledge that we don't fit into any of these squares."

Stansberry persisted throughout the meeting in advocating the creation of a College of Communication, and many of his colleagues agreed.

"I would really like to see us take this opportunity to push for our own school," he said. "This might be the time to bolt. If we're going to form our own college, this would be the time. We should bolt to our own college."

The main obstacle in creating a communication college, however, is funding, according to Mary Alice Shaver.

Although the Nicholson School of Communication is the fourth-largest program of its kind in the country and has more than 2,000 students, the money to make it its own college is said not to exist — a point made sharper by the huge deficit in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"I would really like us to be a separate college and bring IO [interpersonal and organizational communications] with us," Shaver said.

For the moment, however, the communication faculty prefers that its field be considered a science. The reasons aren't just academic; they're practical as well.

"These folks in science aren't going to pretend to understand what I do," said Steve Collins, an assistant journalism professor who has published research on newspaper readership, readability, journalism education and sports marketing.

There are also money matters to consider. Although the College of Arts and Humanities will keep the money it is currently allotted, all new money will be put into the College of Sciences.

Shaver described the school of communication as a "cash cow." Sixteen percent of the arts and sciences majors fall under the school of communication and about 10 percent of the arts and sciences credit hours are for communication classes.

"We make money, but we don't get any money," journalism instructor Rick Brunson said.

Shaver said she hoped that being grouped with the sciences could lead to more and bigger grants.

"They have the ability to bring in money when they write big grants," she said. "We can write grants, but we don't have them just sitting out there."

Still, most of the communication faculty seemed optimistic about the change inevitably to come in January.

Kimiko Akita, a first-year assistant professor of communication whose published research delves into anthropology and sociology, said she felt her teaching of gender communication, for example, would benefit from the realignment and recognition as a social science.

"I'm excited about this," Akita said.



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Journalism students honored in national writing contests

KATHRYN MCPARLAND
Contributing Writer

Christine Dellert and Monica Panakos, a UCF journalism student and a UCF alumna, respectively, have recently earned national honors for their writing.

Dellert, president of the campus chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, was named a national finalist in the spot news reporting category of SPJ's 2004 Mark of Excellence Awards this summer for a story she wrote as an intern for the *St. Petersburg Times*.

She also was awarded the Mary Gardner Scholarship by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Panakos' November 2004 article "Petition for Life" in the *Future* about a UCF student who ran a red light and struck and killed two young girls is a finalist for news story of the year by the Associated Collegiate Press, which will announce the winner Oct. 30.

Panakos graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in graphic design. She called the story "a tragic event that changed many people's lives." Because of eyewitness accounts that the driver, Ashley Townsend, was using a cell

phone at the time of the crash, Panakos said she focused on that angle, as well as on the victims' family's petition against cell-phone use while driving.

Dellert's news article, "City manager finalist kept gun on last job," was one of three considered for the top news writing award by SPJ professionals who judged first-place regional winners.

The Gardner scholarship she won from the educators group was designated for the top journalism news-editorial student in the country. Dellert said she was more than surprised when she received the congratulatory letter honoring her.

Dellert, a former *Future* editor who completed her fourth newspaper reporting internship this summer at *The Oregonian* in Portland, said she applied for the award to "make a name for UCF's journalism department because the program has the potential to put out good reporters that can give back to the community."

Journalism instructor Rick Brunson said, "Christine's award is huge."

He also cited UCF as being awarded designation in 2005 as a Center for Editing Excel-

lence by the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund for the training of newspaper interns from around the country as "another feather in our cap" and evidence that if ever there was a time to be a journalism student at UCF, it's now.

The SPJ student chapter was reactivated and developed in 2004, and four faculty members have been added in the past two years.

Brunson also cited longtime faculty member Fred Fedler, division head and author of the most popular news reporting textbook in the country.

Big changes are still to come for the modest division, which has fewer than a hundred majors and only seven full-time faculty members.

According to Fedler, journalism majors in Fall 2006 will have three new areas of curriculum to choose from: reporting, editing and visual journalism. The change will allow students to dive deeper into the career path of their choice.

Dellert said students should also take the initiative to "harness a relationship with journalism teachers because they are the ones with the experience and can point you in the right direction."

African Association Cultural Celebration funded by Senate

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was the only piece of legislation passed at last week's meeting. The bill provides \$3,000 to assist the African Association with its annual Cultural Celebration, scheduled for Nov. 19.

The bill received strong support.

"I am in full support of organizations that want to spread cultural awareness on campus," Sen. Tara Szczepanski said.

Szczepanski continued to explain that her passion for cultural organizations "comes from being heavily involved with my own [cultural organization], the Asian Student

Association." Szczepanski also highlighted that the importance of supporting these events stems from their ability to "help people with ignorance about cultures be more open to diversity."

Szczepanski also serves as president of the Asian Student Association, which will be holding its own cultural event this fall. She said she felt strongly that cultural events are an important part of UCF campus life.

Travis spoke candidly about the importance of the bill. She was quick to cite that the event brought in 400 students last year, and the club expects as many as 500 this November.

"Because it reaches a broad

number of students for a small amount, you're able to give a lot for only giving a little," she said. Travis described the bill as "a good investment."

The African Association lists the annual event on its Web site as the group's biggest event. This year's Cultural Celebration will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 7 p.m. to midnight in the Ferrell Auditorium.

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Senators gather for the first meeting of the 38th Senate. A bill to fund the African Association Cultural Celebration was passed due to its time sensitive nature, Speaker Mark White said.

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Sunday, October 23**U Can Finish 5 Miler and 2 Miler**

Sponsored By: UCF Alumni Association

Time: 7:30am-5 Miler / 9:15am-2 Miler

and Kids' Run

Location: UCF Arena

Cost: \$15-\$30

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Sponsored By: UCF Dining Services

Time: 9am-2pm

Location: Marketplace

Cost: Children 3 and under free; children

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Description: Elegant brunch with music, tents, decorations and special food stations to cater to a variety of tastes and preferences.

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Sponsored By: Housing and Residence Life-

Academic Village

Time: 11am-12pm

Location: Academic Village Courtyard

Cost: Free

Open To: Families of Academic Village residents

Description: Brunch will be served.

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**THE WESTIN
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Barbecue joint makes losing roadtrip worthwhile for UCF football faithful

FROM A1

how to cook. There she developed a secret barbecue sauce recipe her family partly credits to the restaurant's success.

"The recipe and the Lord made it possible," Jackson said, before quickly correcting herself. "First God, then the recipe," she said repeatedly.

At 82 years old, Leatha has passed much of the responsibility of her restaurant's operations to Jackson and other family members.

"[Leatha] comes to the restaurant but she's kind of sick right now so she hasn't been here lately," Jackson said.

Although Leatha is now 82 years old, Jackson says, "She's still the boss."

As Jackson begins to take on more responsibility for her mother's business, one of her main priorities is to keep the recipe for her mother's sauce from being exposed.

"Only the girls know the recipes," Jackson said, "the boys talk too much."

And while Jackson loves entertaining students from rival schools visiting Mississippi to catch a football game, some of her customers are a little more high profile.

"We done fed Garth Brooks, the New Orleans state football team, Johnny Cochran ..." Jackson said, listing more and more famous people who found their

way to the small restaurant on the side of a Mississippi road.

From the hour it took Tiffany and Angela Chuk to eat their Leatha's barbecue lunch before the 6 p.m. football kickoff time, it became apparent to them that each customer that walks through Leatha's door is treated like family.

"It was very warm," UCF freshman Kyle Hunt, who traveled with the twins, said. "They make you feel comfortable, like it's your own home."

But despite the friendships developed between the UCF fans and Jackson before the game started, both parties realized once the game started they'd be on opposing sides.

"We can be friends now," Jackson said with a hearty laugh. "But come 6 o'clock, we're enemies."



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Members of the UCF athletic fan group, the Rowdy Knights, left, made the nine-hour trek to Hattiesburg, Miss., to watch the UCF football team's high-scoring loss to Southern Mississippi Saturday. Fans brought plenty of signs, bottom right, to support the Knights as well. Tiffany and Angela Chuk, bottom left, said they try to make as many away games as they can to help cheer on the Knights. The twin sisters also discovered Leatha's Bar-B-Que Inn, a local restaurant with what they called the "best barbecue ever."



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Women's soccer team gets another win

Despite a slow non-conference start UCF has found a way to win so far in Conference USA

NADA TAHA
Staff Writer

UCF struck again and took another win in league play over the weekend, this time against East Carolina, 3-1.

Friday night was brisk and the perfect setting for UCF midfielder Kate McCain's first goal and the last in the Conference USA matchup against the Pirates.

With the goal, McCain followed in teammates Jessalyn Withers and Kristin Bilby's footsteps. The win brought the Knights' conference record to 3-1 and 6-8 in the season.

Withers scored the first goal of the night, 18 minutes after the initial whistle was blown. Two assists were recorded for the goal.

Jennifer Montgomery was the central point, passing on the ball to Withers after a pass from teammate Michelle DeCespedes.

Although the Knights outshot the Pirates 15-3 in the first half alone, East Carolina midfielder Madison Keller tied the score with a penalty kick. The goal was enough to escalate momentum that UCF forward Kristin Bilby

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Jennifer Montgomery and the Knights have won four of their first five games in Conference USA this year.

Women's soccer schedule

Tuesday	Miami	
	Orlando, Fla.	7 p.m.
Friday	Memphis	
	Memphis, Tenn.	8 p.m.
Oct. 23	UAB	
	Birmingham, Ala.	1 p.m.
Oct. 28	Rice	
	Orlando, Fla.	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	Houston	
	Orlando, Fla.	1 p.m.
Nov. 2	C-USA Tournament	
	Houston, Texas	TBA
Nov. 3	C-USA Tournament	
	Houston, Texas	TBA
Nov. 4	C-USA Tournament	
	Houston, Texas	TBA
Nov. 5	C-USA Tournament	
	Houston, Texas	TBA
Nov. 6	C-USA Tournament	
	Houston, Texas	TBA

One ugly loss isn't the end of the season

Knights still look good in C-USA



THE EXTRA POINT
ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Before you get all upset about the UCF football team losing in a big way to Southern Miss on Saturday night, take a deep breath.

All right, now let's look at this objectively. This game was strange and ugly. Uglier than the USF game, freakier than if Conan O'Brien and Janet Reno were to have a baby.

These kinds of things don't happen. A team that put up 500 yards of offense the week before doesn't suddenly forget how to catch the ball.

The Knights did.

When your team only allows three points in the second half to an offense that has the NCAA's leading rusher, they don't let a relatively pedestrian offense score 45 points in the first half the next week.

The Knights did.

When the Knights review the game tape this week, it will be like going to a haunted house a couple of weeks early.

UCF receiver Mike Walker summed it up best: "It was like everything that could go wrong did go wrong."

It was just one of those days.

Sure it was embarrassing, but their season is far from over.

So before all you UCF fans start making plans for this Saturday that don't include an evening at the Citrus Bowl, I have a message for you.

Don't make the mistake of giving up on this team.

How can you give up on a team that nearly halfway through conference play is in a tie for first place?

The Knights have as good of a chance as anyone to win Conference USA's East Division and potentially host the C-USA championship game at the Citrus Bowl, and fans are thinking about jumping ship?

The Knights are a team that is learning to win. For the first time in a while these guys have come to realization that they have a chance to be good. It should be expected that in the learning process there will be some setbacks, much like Saturday night.

Yes, it was embarrassing, and yes, it was ugly, but most importantly, it was uncharacteristic.

The UCF football team isn't

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GAME 6: UCF 31, SOUTHERN MISS 52



UCF wide receiver Sergio Joachim is tackled by Southern Miss defensive back John Eubanks, left, and Southern Miss defensive back Brandon Sumrall, right, during the second quarter of UCF's 52-31 loss to the Golden Eagles on Saturday night. Joachim fumbled the ball on the play, and Sumrall recovered. It was one of five UCF first-half turnovers.

UCF FOOTBALL GETS A REALITY CHECK

A first-half collapse, which included five turnovers, leads to a blowout loss against Southern Mississippi

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — The UCF football team let a chance to take control of the Conference USA East Division slip through its fingers.

Literally.

On the strength of five first-half touchdowns, Southern Mississippi cruised to a 52-31 victory, handing UCF its first C-USA loss of the season in front of a Homecoming crowd of 28,366 at M.M. Roberts Stadium.

The loss dropped the Golden Knights into a four-way tie for first place in C-USA's East Division, with Southern Miss, Eastern Carolina and Marshall.

In their first C-USA road game, the Knights weren't able to recover from their early sloppy mistakes, mostly their inability to hold on to the ball.

UCF committed five first-half turnovers, including four fumbles, on its way to allowing Southern Miss to score a school-record 45 points in the first half. The only time the Knights have allowed more points in a half was when the Florida Gators put up 48 in the opening half of a September 1999 game.

"That's a good football team out there," UCF Coach George O'Leary said of Southern Miss. "I don't think we gave it our best. I think the big thing was they took advantage of the opportunities they had and we didn't."

The Knights had chances to turn their misfortunes around in the first quarter and at times in the second quarter, but in each instance a costly mistake would stall their efforts.

UCF started the second quarter trailing Southern Miss 21-7 and was hoping to score as it moved the ball into Southern Miss territory. UCF quarterback Steven Moffett found senior receiver Brandon Marshall for what appeared to be a 48-yard touchdown pass, but the play was called back because Marshall stepped out of bounds before catching the ball.

That proved to be the turning point as the Knights began to falter. They punted two plays later. Then, a Sergio Joachim fumble on

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UCF Coach George O'Leary on the sideline of the Knights 52-31 loss Saturday.

CONFERENCE USA East Division Standings

	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
UCF	2-1	3-3
Southern Miss	2-1	3-2
Marshall	2-1	3-3
Memphis	2-2	3-3
UAB	1-2	3-3

Soccer drops C-USA contest

Men fall to league-leading Mustangs

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

In a battle to establish themselves in Conference USA, the UCF men's soccer team could not convert any of its opportunities and lost to the conference-leading SMU Mustangs, 1-0, Friday night in Dallas.

In the process, SMU also denied its former assistant coach a homecoming win.

The game's lone goal occurred in the 35th minute. SMU freshman Paulo da Silva got a pass right in front of the UCF goal and put the Mustangs on the board with a short, tap-in score. Silva was assisted by senior Duke Hashimoto and sophomore Scott Corbin.

The Golden Knights were shut out on the scoreboard, but they had plenty of chances. The Knights held an 8-5 advantage in corner kicks and a 5-4 edge in shots on goal. All of the Knights' five shots on goal came from two players. Senior Billy Judino had three, and sophomore

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Knights volleyball team still struggling

ANDY JACOBSON
Staff Writer

The UCF volleyball team dropped its second five-game match of the season to visiting Rice University (30-21, 23-30, 30-21, 26-30, 15-6) Friday.

UCF (4-10 overall, 2-5 in Conference-USA) was scheduled to host the University of Houston on Sunday.

The Knights started off well against the Owls, out-hitting in the first game with a percentage of .462 to .200. UCF sophomore outside hitter Lorin Lukas and junior outside hitter Maina Heming totaled nine of the 14 kills in the first game.

"I think there was plenty of opportunities for us to win, and I credit Rice for keeping the ball in play," Coach Meg Colado said.

Rice (12-4, 3-2) turned the tables in the next game, out-hitting UCF .311 to .188. In that game, Schanell Neiderworder, a sophomore outside hitter, had 10 of her 18 kills for the match.

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"To me they didn't come out and beat us ... We shot ourselves in the foot a lot."

— UCF QUARTERBACK STEVEN MOFFETT, ON UCF'S 52-31 LOSS TO SOUTHERN MISS



Kirstin Bilby of the UCF women's soccer team scored the game-winning goal Friday against Eastern Carolina. The Knights' victory over ECU was their third Conference USA win of the year.

NATHAN POEKERT / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Winning when it counts most

FROM A11

says was always there.

"It started from the whistle," Bilby said. "From the start, the intensity was there."

Bilby's header past East Carolina goalkeeper Amber Campbell in the first five minutes of the second half continued the Knights' strong offensive streak. Both McCain and Montgomery assisted the goal

that gave UCF the edge and the lead.

The possession was mostly in UCF's side of the field as they ended the Friday night game with 24 shots against ECU's seven.

Out of those 24 shots, eight were on target. Corner kicks were also in UCF's favor, taking more corner kicks than the opposing team, 9-4.

The final goal with eight

minutes left in game play scored by McCain, gave her "chills." Her kick flew over the ECU goalkeeper's fingertips and sailed into the upper left corner of the net.

McCain not only scored for the Knights, but tallied an assist and two shots as well. Fellow teammate Roberta Pelarigo lead the UCF offense with ten shots that did not land a goal.

Offensive efforts came forth from multiple players and sealed the win for UCF.

McCain believes the win over East Carolina would send her and her team into future games with high spirits and extra momentum.

The Knights defeated Marshall Sunday afternoon to improve their C-USA record to 4-1. Pick up Thursday's *Future* for full game coverage.

Men fall below .500 in conference play

FROM A11

Rafael Teixeira had two.

UCF senior goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh helped the Knights stay in striking distances by stopping three SMU shots.

The Knights' best chance came in the first few minutes of the second half when Judino and Teixeira had corner kicks,

but both attempts were deflected away. SMU sophomore goalkeeper Steve Sandbo made five saves on the night.

The Mustangs also disallowed UCF Coach Brent Erwin to claim a win on his old home turf. Before coming to Orlando this year, Erwin spent six years as the top assistant coach at SMU. The Mustangs made the

NCAA Tournament in each of those six years, including a run to the Final Four in 2000.

"We came to win, so obviously, we were disappointed with the result," Erwin said. "We really controlled play in the second half, constantly threatening the goal, but just couldn't score."

With the loss, the Knights

fell to 6-4-1 overall, 1-2-1 in C-USA. SMU remained undefeated at 5-0 in Conference USA and moved to 7-4-2 overall.

The Knights faced off against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane on Sunday in Tulsa. Game details were unavailable at deadline. Read a full recap of Sunday's game in the Thursday edition of the *Future*.

Knights extend losing streak to five

FROM A11

"Certainly, Schanell was the hot hand tonight," Colado said.

In the third game, Lukas, who sat out last week, had four of her 13 kills. That game, the Knights outlit the Owls, .333 to .053. Lukas was one dig shy of a double-double, tallying 13 total kills and nine digs.

"It was good to have Lukas back, but she was a week rested because of an [abdomen] strain, so we just need to get her back in the rhythm of play," Colado said.

The Knights' hitting percentage fell to .100 in the fifth game,

and the Owls, who won the game by nine points, hit .429.

Heming recorded 14 kills total. Junior middle blocker Jana Mitchell had eight kills and five of the Knights' eight blocks.

Junior setter Leah Alexander had 48 assists — one shy of her career best of 49 assists — and 10 digs, her first career double-double.

"Leah was a couple of discipline moves away from getting her career [best]," Colado said.

Freshman libero Lindsay Randazzo had a match-high 25 digs.

The Owls were led by Kristina Hoban who had a triple-dou-

ble with 10 kills, 50 assists and 15 digs.

The loss was the Knights' fifth straight.

"I don't believe in streaks," Colado said. "People come to play and they come to finish or they don't finish, and we didn't finish tonight."

The Houston match could greatly affect UCF's prospects in C-USA.

Before the match, Colado said, "It is pretty important. We are third to last in the conference, and if we take a match from Houston we move up drastically, actually. And we need to take a match from them."

AROUND CONFERENCE USA

UTEP vs. Tulane

Jordan Palmer connected for three touchdown passes and drove UTEP (4-1) for 21 unanswered points to finish the game, defeating Tulane 45-21.

Tulane (2-3) was able to keep the game close, only trailing by 10 in the fourth quarter, when Lester Ricard connected with Preston Brown for a 3-yard touchdown. After forcing a UTEP punt two possessions later, the Green Wave fumbled the ball and watched the Miners return it 25 yards for a touchdown.

Palmer was able to seal the game when he connected with Casey Mauch for a 1-yard touchdown pass, and then gave the ball to Marcus Thomas for a 9-yard run into the end zone. Palmer ended the game 22-of-32 for 278 yards.

Lester Ricard had yet another stellar performance throwing for 376 yards and three touchdowns on 29-of-52 passing.

East Carolina vs. SMU

Whether he threw the ball or ran the ball into the end zone, East Carolina (3-3) quarterback

James Pinkney refused to lose.

Pinkney scrambled for three touchdowns, including the tiebreaker in the third quarter, leading the Pirates to a 24-17 victory. All of his scores came from 1 yard out. He rushed for 42 yards on 13 attempts and threw for 225 yards.

SMU (2-5) had an opportunity to make a play on the final drive, but Demetrius Hodges grabbed his second interception of the game with 11 seconds left.

Mustangs quarterback Jerad

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STATE & NATION

No. 1 USC 34

No. 9 Notre Dame 31

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Tested like never before, Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and Southern California showed they have a championship jaw to go along with all that talent.

Leinart pushed and spun his way into the end zone with 3 seconds left to cap a chaotic finish, and No. 1 USC escaped with its 28th straight victory, a back-and-forth 34-31 win Saturday over No. 9 Notre Dame in a game that lived up to the hype.

For a moment the Irish thought the team had added another stunning upset to its illustrious history. Leinart scrambled from inside the five, launched himself toward the end zone, but was stopped short and the ball was sent flying out of bounds.

The clock ticked down to 0:00. Notre Dame's fans rushed the field, but after the officials huddled, seven seconds was put back on the clock and the ball was spotted inside the one yard line.

The Heisman Trophy winner took it upon himself on the next play and went over to the left side for the score.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn had given Notre Dame a 31-28 lead with 2:02 left, dashing around the right end for a 5-yard touchdown, extending his right arm across the goal line with the ball.

Bush ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns for the two-time defending champions.

No. 2 Texas 42

No. 24 Colorado 17

AUSTIN, Texas — Vince Young ran for three touchdowns, passed for two more and No. 2 Texas avoided any post-Oklahoma letdown with a convincing win over No. 24 Colorado.

Off to its best start since an 11-0 regular season in 1983, the Longhorns appeared ripe for an upset — or at least a

close game — after their emotional win over Oklahoma a week earlier snapped a five-year losing streak to the Sooners.

Instead, Texas (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) played its best half of football of the season to quickly put the game away.

Young was flawless in running and passing in the first two quarters, scoring on runs of 1, 16 and 9 yards. He also threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Limas Sweed that made it 35-3. Sweed and Young hooked up for another touchdown in the fourth.

Joel Klatt led Colorado (4-2, 2-1) with 189 yards passing and two touchdowns.

Given plenty of time to throw behind a dominant performance by his offensive line, Young finished with 394 total yards with a career-high 336 passing. His 86.2 percent completion rate (25-of-29) set a Texas record. He was 16-of-18 in the first half for 258 yards.

Virginia 26

No. 4 Florida St. 21

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Marques Hagans threw for 306 yards and two touchdowns, and Connor Hughes kicked four field goals to help Virginia hold on for the second win over a top-five team in program history.

The Cavaliers (4-2, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) stopped the Seminoles near midfield with three minutes to go to force a punt. Hagans then ran for six yards before Florida State's Tony Carter was called for pass interference on third down, giving Virginia a first down.

After Hagans came up a yard short on the next third-and-7 run, the Cavaliers punted and Florida State (5-1, 3-1) got one last chance from its own 26 with 56 seconds left. Drew Weatherford's pass was picked off by Tony Franklin, sealing the upset and bringing thousands of fans pouring

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REBECCA BARNETT / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

After nearly seven months of waiting, the college basketball season has finally returned to schools around the country. The UCF men's and women's basketball teams officially got their season started on Friday night at the UCF Arena with MidKnight Madness. Both squads participated in scrimmages, giving fans a sneak peek at what is in store for both teams this season. There were performances by Knight Moves, UCF's dance team, and members of both basketball teams signed autographs before the event. MidKnight Madness marks the beginning of official practice for both the men's and women's basketball teams. The Knights are gearing up for their first season in Conference USA. The men's team has its first game on Nov. 18, when they host Rollins College, while the women's team will take to the court for the first time when they host Florida A&M also on Nov. 18.



ANDY VASQUEZ / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
The UCF defense lines up against Southern Miss in the first half of Saturday's loss. The UCF defense did well early, but was put in difficult positions too many times over the course of the game.

Turnovers lead to early deficit

FROM A11

the first play of UCF's next drive gave the Golden Eagles the ball on the UCF 19-yard line. USM scored three plays later, making the score 28-7, and the rout was on.

"To me, they didn't come out and physically beat us," Moffett said. "We kind of beat ourselves. We gave them the opportunity to make plays, and they made plays today, and we shot ourselves in the foot a lot."

Of all the bad numbers, the tale of the turnovers will be what the Knights most want to forget.

Not only did the Knights' turnovers come at the most inopportune times — two of them on first down and two of them while receiving a punt and kickoff, respectively — but the turnovers also came at the worst places. Each of UCF's first four turnovers gave the ball to Southern Miss inside the UCF 25, and the Golden Eagles capitalized, turning the first four turnovers into 29 first-half points.

"It's very disappointing," UCF receiver Mike Walker said. "Because we came in thinking we had a good chance and we really did, but we just had so many turnovers. That just killed us right there, we dug a hole so deep that we couldn't get out."

A large part of the problem could be traced to the UCF special teams. They were unable to hold onto the ball when returning kickoffs and punts and gave



ANDY VASQUEZ / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
UCF's Johnell Neal, center, cannot recover a fumble in the second quarter of Saturday's loss.

up big plays when defending the return, leaving the defense in a number of precarious predicaments.

"I thought the special teams was disappointing," O'Leary said. "From a standpoint of giving up big plays and turning it over ... We can't do that and expect to win."

The Knights gave up a 47-yard punt return early in the first quarter, which led to a Southern Miss field goal. After scoring a touchdown, which made it 10-7, UCF allowed a 78-yard kickoff return.

The defense responded well, holding the Eagles to two red zone field goals after both big returns, but too many times quick turnovers left the Knights in a difficult position.

Leading 3-0 in the first quarter, Southern Miss punted after a three-and-out by the UCF defense. Freshman returner Joe

Burnett called for a fair catch, but the ball sailed over his head and he dropped it. Southern Miss recovered at the 16.

Two plays later, quarterback Dustin Almond found receiver Antwon Courington for a 16-yard pass, giving the Eagles a 10-0 lead.

On the ensuing drive, the Knights responded with a touchdown of their own. Moffett found Walker for one of his two touchdowns, pulling the Knights to 10-7.

John Eubanks returned the kickoff 78 yards, and Southern Miss converted a field goal.

"Special teams just had a bad day," Walker said. "Everything that could go wrong did go wrong."

With the score 13-7, the Knights took the kickoff and fumbled the ball on the first play of the drive, it would not be the first

time this happened. Junior running back Dontavious Wilcox's fumble gave the ball to Southern Miss on the 18, and two plays later Almond connected with Courington again, pushing the lead to 21-7.

The Eagles led 45-7 at halftime.

The Knights scored their second touchdown with 6:17 remaining in the third quarter when Moffett found junior wide receiver Mike Walker for a 6-yard pass on fourth-and-goal. It was Walker's eighth reception and second touchdown, but it was too little too late for the Knights, who couldn't find daylight from the bottom of the hole they had dug in the first half.

Any hopes of a comeback were quashed in the third quarter, when the Knights, trailing 45-14, couldn't capitalize after forcing a three-and-out.

UCF running back Kevin Smith had a solid performance with 15 carries for 69 yards, but the Knights were unable to continue running the ball after falling behind so far so early.

Despite the disappointing setback, the Knights still have high expectations for the season and are hopeful that their fans do too.

"We can still go 8-3," senior linebacker Chris Welsch said. "We as a team are going to continue to work hard and do what we know is right and do what we know can help us get to a bowl game ... We need [our fans] to have that same attitude."

Upcoming schedule could mean wins for football team

FROM A11

nearly as bad it was the other night. That's been proven in the first five games of the season, and Southern Miss isn't nearly as good as UCF made the Gold-

en Eagles look.

This was a bad loss, and it was ugly, but it was only one game.

The Knights are now headed into a stretch of the schedule in which they can do some real

damage.

Two of the next three games are at home and all are against teams that the Knights will likely be favored to beat.

If UCF plays the way it is able to, there is a good chance

that three weeks from now the Knights will be 6-3 and 5-1 in C-USA, and one ugly loss will be a distant memory.

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STATE & NATION

FROM A12

onto the field to celebrate the victory.

The only bigger win in program history came 10 years ago, also against Florida State, when the Seminoles arrived ranked second, and the Cavaliers held on for a 33-28 victory when Warrick Dunn was stopped at the goal line in the game's final seconds.

That 1995 team was honored at halftime, and then history repeated itself.

No. 7 Miami 34 Temple 3

PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Wright threw four touchdown passes in the first 19 minutes, leading Miami to a victory over woeful Temple in the Owls' first game since Coach Bobby Wallace said he will leave at the end of the year.

The Hurricanes (5-1) completely outclassed Temple (0-7), jumping out to a 27-0 lead

in the first quarter.

Sinorice Moss had three catches for 122 yards, including a 92-yard touchdown pass on Miami's second offensive play. Devin Hester returned a punt 48 yards for a touchdown. Wright completed 9-of-10 passes for 196 yards, before giving way to Kirby Freeman late in the second quarter.

No. 10 LSU 21 No. 11 Florida 17

BATON ROUGE, La. — Joseph Addai ran for a career-high 156 yards and a touchdown, JaMarcus Russell had two touchdown passes, and 10th-ranked LSU ended a three-game home losing streak to No. 11 Florida.

LSU led 14-0 in the first quarter, but the Gators scored 17 straight points to move ahead in the third. The momentum swing was reminiscent of LSU's last home game, when it squandered a 21-point lead against Tennessee

and lost 30-27 in overtime.

The Tigers (4-1, 3-1 SEC) didn't let it happen again. They put together a 12-play, 75-yard drive — converting on fourth down and getting a big play on third-and-9 — to move back in front for good with 12:35 to play. Addai ran seven times on the drive, including a 3-yarder for the go-ahead score.

The Tigers remain close to Western Division unbeaten Alabama and Auburn. LSU plays Auburn next week and Alabama next month, meaning the Tigers still control their fate in the division race.

The Gators (5-2, 3-2) no longer have that luxury. Florida now needs to win out and have Georgia lose another game — in addition to the matchup in two weeks — to win the East and advance to the conference championship game.

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Women's lacrosse

On Oct. 1, the women's lacrosse club at UCF had its first game against USF. Tied at 1-1 early in the game, it looked like it was going to be a tough game for the Knights. On the contrary, UCF's midfield moved the ball up the field too quickly for USF's defense. After

numerous scoring attempts made by USF, UCF's defense stomped any sense of hope left in its opponents. Final score: UCF clobbered USF, 22-2.

Water skiing

Twelve members of the water ski club placed third in the regional competition, grant-

ing the club a bid into the national championships.

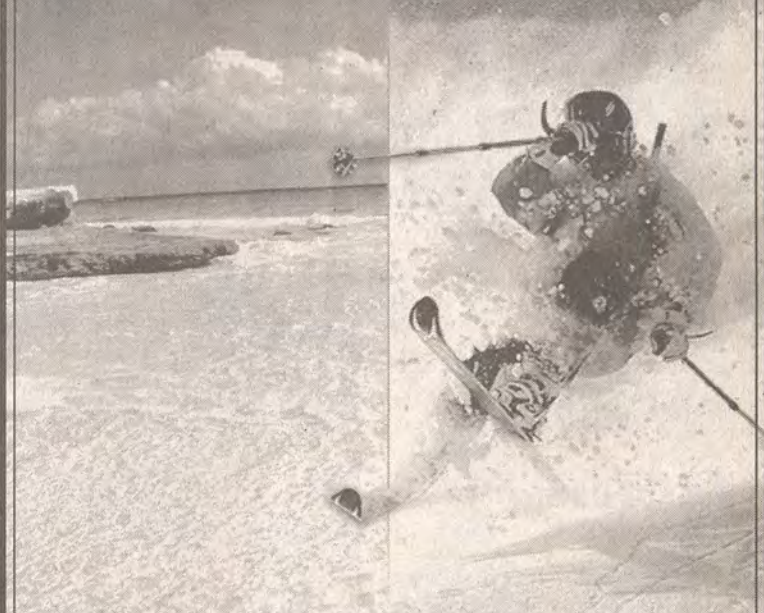
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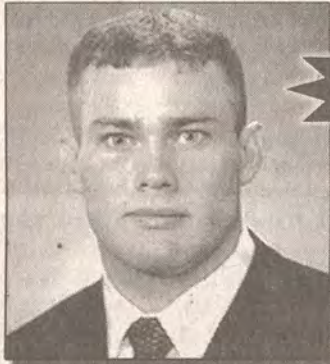
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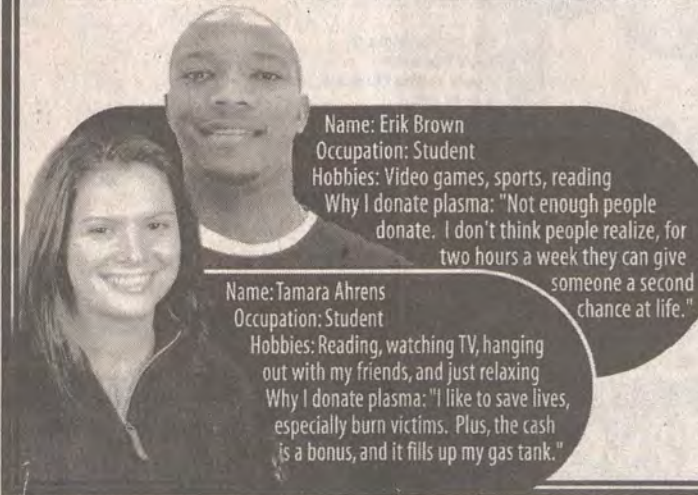
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GAME 6: UCF 31, SOUTHERN MISS 52

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NUMBERS

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UCF only had one touchdown in the first half while Southern Miss had six end zone visits.

2

Of UCF's five turnovers in the first half two of them came on the Knights' first play of a drive.

29

UCF's first four turnovers of the game led to 29 points for the Golden Eagles on Saturday.

48

The only time UCF allowed more points in a half was in 1999 when UF had 48 in the first half.

PLAY OF THE GAME
John Eubanks

The Southern Miss return man avoided what seemed to be a certain tackle and turned it into a 78-yard kickoff return in the first quarter.

KEY STATS
Southern Miss:
Turnovers — 1
UCF:
Turnovers — 5

Breaking down the blowout

Turnovers play
the starring role in
UCF's nightmareCHRIS HOYLER
Staff Writer

The 2005 UCF football season is not about catchphrases and cardboard cutouts. It is not about debating the merits of a stadium or beating a perceived rival from Tampa.

This season is about winning. More specifically, this season is about winning in a conference that has five bowl tie-ins.

"I told the players that it's a conference game, and that's why you play eight of them," UCF Coach George O'Leary said after the 52-31 loss to Southern Mississippi. "So let's see what we can do with the next one."

The Golden Eagles did not swoop in and ruin the season, as few expected UCF to go to "The Rock" and win. Despite the loss, the Knights are still in the mix for the Eastern Division title, tied with three others at 2-1. They are still three wins away from qualifying for a bowl, with two games remaining at the Citrus Bowl.

Five C-USA games remain, so let's take a look at how the Knights can turn this game into a pit stop on the road to a bowl.

Southern Miss won because...

The team never let the UCF running game become a factor. In their three victories, the Knights had a double-digit lead in the first half, enabling them to control the pace of the game.

With a dominant offensive line and a strong running game led by Kevin Smith, the trailing teams were never able to execute their game plan. Southern Miss led 21-7 at the end of the first quarter, allowing them to dictate what UCF could do on offense.

UCF lost because...

They turned the ball over. And then they turned it over again. In fact, they might have just fumbled the game tape on



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the way to the VCR.

The Knights allowed 22 points on five turnovers, a season high. Three fumbles inside their own 20-yard line put the defense in a precarious position.

"We tried to fight and hold them to field goals," linebacker James Cook said. "But we had some breakdowns on defense and they executed and scored touchdowns because of it."

USM quarterback Dustin Almond, who threw four interceptions a week earlier against Tulsa, tied a school record with five touchdown passes, two in the first quarter. His comfort in the pocket was something Tulsa disrupted, but the poor field position forced the Knights' defense into situations where they could not blitz Almond out of fear of giving up a short touchdown on a draw or screen play.

The momentum shifted when...

Brandon Marshall's 48-yard touchdown reception was overturned after officials ruled he was out of bounds before the catch. It was another great play by Steven Moffett, who avoided a USM blitz and hit Marshall down the right sideline.

The officials conferred after the original call and ruled him out, forcing the Knights to punt two plays later down 21-7 instead of 21-14. By the end of the quarter, the game was over with UCF down 45-7.



Southern Miss quarterback Dustin Almond, top, finds a receiver in the end zone for a touchdown in the first quarter. UCF quarterback Steven Moffett, above, was sacked six times.

The silver lining...

This is not going to happen every week. Actually, as long as O'Leary is the coach, bet on it not happening again anytime soon. He is not going to let his team get away with five turnovers, four of those being fumbles.

He may do what James Caan did in the 1993 movie *The Program*, and force his skill position players to carry a football with them to class, stressing the importance of taking care of the ball. One thing is for sure: O'Leary will be realistic about the opportunity that passed by the Knights.

"A loss is a loss," O'Leary said. "There's nothing nice about a loss except to go back

and work harder and get it corrected."

What this means...

In the grand scheme of the 2005 season, not very much. The Knights no longer control their own destiny in C-USA East, as USM is 2-1 and now has the head-to-head victory, the first tiebreaker at the end of the season.

However, UAB lost at Marshall on Saturday, making that trip to Birmingham on Nov. 12 much less daunting. With the other two road games against Rice and East Carolina, which are a combined 3-8 on the season, the Knights are still on the road to at least seven wins and their first bowl trip.

AROUND C-USA

FROM A12

Romo had a horrid night, throwing three interceptions in the fourth quarter, for a total of four in the matchup.

The Mustangs had a great opportunity with little over a minute in the game and the ball on the Pirates' 44, but Romo threw his second interception of the quarter to Pierre Parker. The turnovers by Romo wasted a stellar day by DeMyron Martin, who rushed for 129 yards on 22 carries.

Memphis vs. Houston

DeAngelo Williams ran the ball all game long for 198 yards, two touchdowns and a comeback victory against Houston (3-3).

Memphis (3-3) capitalized on two Houston fumbles in the end zone and a missed field goal in the second half to claw their way back into the game.

The Tigers led 21-20 when Houston's Ryan Gilbert fumbled the ball in the end zone with 7:37 left in the fourth quarter. The Tigers methodically drove down the field, capping the 80-yard drive off with a 1-yard run by quarterback Maurice Avery.

Williams' totals for the day placed him in the top 10 all-time rushing list for Division I-A backs. Williams now has 5,145 yards to place him 10th on the list. He is only 32 yards behind two-time Heisman winner Archie Griffin.

The Cougars had opportunities to win this game after starting out the game well when two plays were needed to cover 80 yards on their first possession. Yet it was the miscues in the second half that ended the Cougars' day. Running back Jackie Battle fumbled out the back of the end zone in the third, and kicker Ben Bell missed a 21-yard attempt.

The running game of Memphis simply proved to be too much. Williams scampered for scores of 25 and 35 yards and quarterback Maurice Avery ran for 109 yards on 15 carries.

Marshall vs. UAB

A suffocating defense and

strong special teams play led Marshall (3-3) to a 20-19 victory over UAB (3-3).

Ivan Clark broke through UAB's punt team twice to block two punts that led to two touchdowns for the Thundering Herd.

Trailing 19-14 in the fourth, the woes for the UAB punt team continued when Parker Mullins shanked a punt which traveled only 10 yards. Marshall quarterback Bernard Morris then scrambled for a 40-yard touchdown run to give Marshall the lead.

The Herd defense had an outstanding game, holding the Rattlers' star quarterback Darrel Hackney to 39 first-half passing yards. This was necessary for the Herd since they once again came into the game flat, failing to score in the first quarter for the fourth straight game.

Clark's two punt blocks led to scores from Marcus Fitzgerald on a Morris pass and a 12-yard touchdown run by Ahmad Bradshaw.

Even with his horrific day, punter Mullins had an opportunity to win the game for the Rattlers, but he failed on a missed 51-yard field goal attempt as time expired.

Tulsa vs. Rice

Three touchdowns for Ural Parrish ensured Tulsa (4-3) a 41-21 victory over Rice (0-5), which now has an 11-game losing streak, the longest in the nation.

All three of Parrish's touchdowns came in the second quarter, and Ashlan Davis tied an NCAA record with his sixth career kickoff return for a touchdown. Parrish's three touchdown runs were from 23, 3 and 10 yards out.

Quarterback Paul Smith had a quiet and efficient day, throwing for 199 yards and a touchdown on 21 attempts.

After Bobby Klink returned a fumble 19 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter, Tulsa had a 28-0 lead.

Rice was able to bring the game to 34-14 early in the fourth to have a hope of a comeback, but Davis returned the ensuing kickoff to crush any hopes Rice had.

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OUR STANCE

UCF could help new arts center

Orange County and Orlando officials are once again trying to move forward with plans for a new downtown performing arts center, and they're trying to do so without the aid of UCF.

The decision-makers involved in this complex and massive project have decided it would be easier to forge ahead on the project without UCF, not because they don't want to work with the school's theater program, but because it would be more cost-efficient to push aside the university's needs.

They have a point. UCF would require many buildings and new facilities to accommodate its large program, and that would put quite a financial bind on the project.

But it should be obvious to everyone involved that UCF would have no problem chipping in and shouldering the financial burden involved on the school's behalf.

However, the route the supporters of the downtown project have chosen relieves them of a partnership with the university and instead greases political wheels to make obtaining funding easier.

One proposed plan has a government building included in the center, an addition that would make county officials more eager to kick in some extra funding.

If pleasing the state and county governments is what needs to

be done to build a performing arts center, then the officials have to do what they have to do.

But it's evident that this endeavor should be no different than anything else UCF and the city have teamed up for in the past. City officials and supporters of the center would have to be out of their minds not to want to bring the school and its theater program on board.

A union of UCF and the city for performing arts purposes would be monumental in that it could create an even larger bond with Disney and Universal theme parks as well as the city's many other entertainment-related outlets.

The combination of these industry giants would put Orlando on the map as a major player in show business and other facets of creative arts.

Instead, it's all about the money. Whatever brings the quickest funding is what pleases the higher-ups.

That's unfortunate because people involved in the decision-making processes should be able to see not only the bigger picture, but the better picture as well.

The better picture is accommodating UCF, which would in turn accommodate the city and the project in more ways than just financially.

This is an opportunity for Orlando's three unofficial boroughs — UCF, downtown and

the theme park areas — to be joined by something other than shoddy highways and a few area codes.

This is a chance not only for a gigantic money-maker, but also something that could add some class and sophistication to a city that's known mainly for Mickey Mouse and a second-rate NBA franchise.

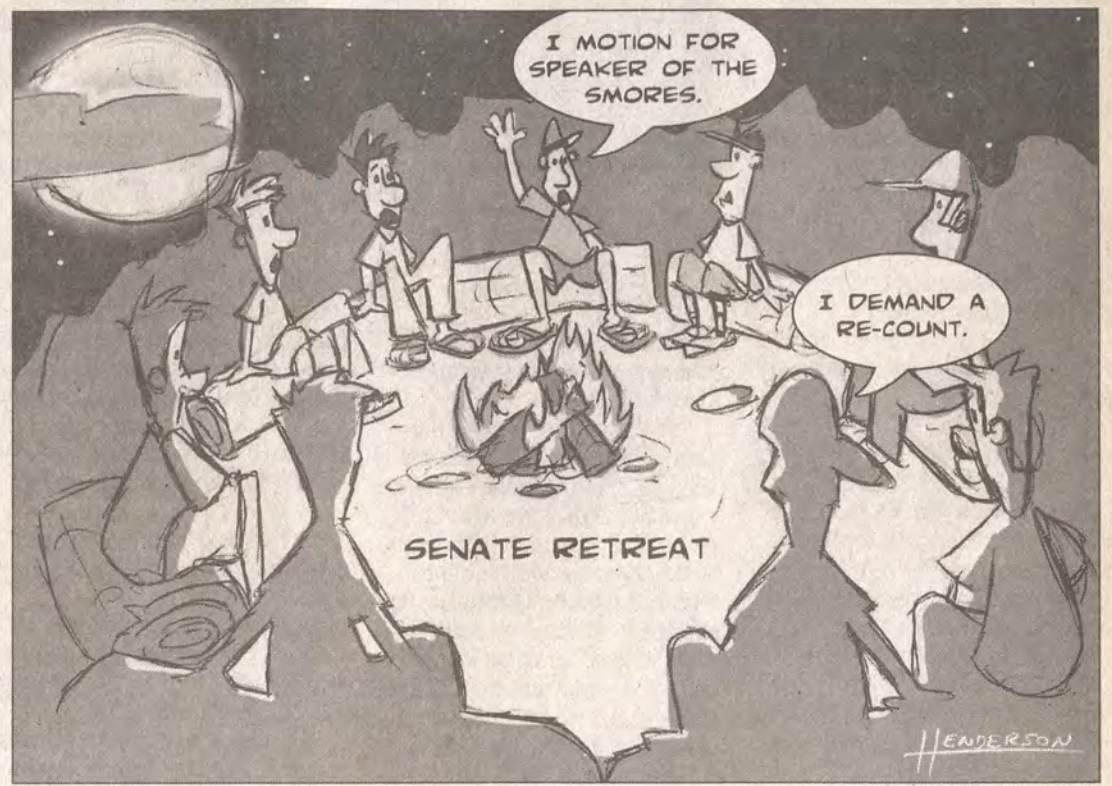
Orlando needs this performing arts center badly, but it is wrong for the people involved to not accept the involvement of UCF.

Some county and city officials haven't entirely ruled out an eventual partnership with UCF, but even that would mean the school's theater department and arts-related programs wouldn't even be located at the proposed center.

UCF would be stuck miles away simply because people don't want to take the time to make a compromise and allot space for enough buildings to accommodate the school.

UCF contributes so much to the Orlando community and the addition of a medical school is the icing on the cake. Almost every school and program at UCF benefits the community in one way or another.

For the people who disagree and see UCF as a burden, then this could at least be an opportunity to offer something other than heavy traffic or loud football games.



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READER VIEWS

Biggest game ever column hits home for football fan

I just want to say that Ashley Burns' column ["Play close attention, this could be our biggest game ever," Oct. 13 issue] was as well-written as all the ones before.

I've grown accustomed to picking up the *Future* on Mondays and Thursdays and going right for your column. Your passion for UCF sports — football, most prominently — is surpassed by none.

I'm writing because I understand what Burns meant when he said that "a minority of students and alumni actually give two flying flops about the success of the UCF football program." That right there has probably been the hardest thing for me to deal with since I've been a student here.

Growing up and going to every Gator football home game — you can blame my dad for that one — and then coming to school here, I always wondered what was wrong with people here.

At UF, even the biggest shut-in of students knows the record of the football team. You could probably find a number of kids at UCF who don't even know we have a football team.

I've spent three years, going on four, at a school where football doesn't exist, and I'm just relieved that it's looking as if after my last year here at UCF, a lot more than just the students are going to know about UCF football.

Keep up the good work.

— RANDY TENNANT

UCF should reconsider sports marketing by students

I couldn't agree more with the editorial ["Task force not students' enemies," Oct. 13] relative to the tailgating task force and its interest in "how to create more funding for free food and entertainment activities through SGA."

The goal, the editorial said, was "to garner more interest from the student body and raise the overall attendance at both the tailgates and games."

The comments are ironic since in spring 2003, a class of public relations students from the Nicholson School of Communication created a program to do exactly that: increase interest in the team and generate activities to bring more students to the games.

At the conclusion of the semester, the students wanted to work over the summer to implement their ideas and create the programs for the fall 2003 season.

The sports marketing program wasn't interested, however, because of contractual arrangements with some outside supplier.

This is a pity because we had 20 dedicated students, ready to work at no cost to develop free food and entertainment to encourage students to go to the Citrus Bowl, have a great pre-game party and then attend the game.

Those students have graduated now, but the need is still real. The outside contractor has not been successful in motivating students to attend games, yet it prevented eager students from providing a much-needed service to their school.

Maybe UCF should rethink such contractual commitments.

— FRANK R. STANSBERRY
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Editorial missed the point, protesters await apology

Sorry for ruining the tailgating for you, Trent Scott and the UCF police. Surely, that was not my intent. We went to protest the inaction of the "Drug and Alcohol Task Fraud."

I am, however, a utilitarian, and since everyone but you was pleased with and inspired by our presence, I am willing to sacrifice your comfort.

You must be more clear in your account

— MATT BRODSKY

OUR STANCE

The Vikings need a priority check

The Minnesota Vikings have been dealing with quite a bit of turmoil this NFL season, mostly on the field, where the hapless team has bottomed out in the cellar of the NFC North division.

But troubles on the field are likely very welcome to the Vikings at this point as they are facing much tougher problems off the field.

Last week, more than 90 members of the Vikings organization took part in a team cruise on the waters of Lake Minnetonka. Normally a cruise wouldn't cause too much concern, but this cruise allegedly featured players and personnel taking part in sexual activities with paid escorts.

Speculation is rampant while an investigation by Hennepin County Sheriff's Office is in the early stages. The female staff of the cruise company are accusing unnamed players of making forceful advances and offering them money to dance or perform sexual acts.

The cruise was actually cut short because the boat captains said they were concerned about the employees' claims and turned the boats around. The females also said that five players — including former UCF standout Daunte Culpepper — continuously apologized for their teammates' behavior.

Accusations and apologies

aside, there are a few things that are ridiculously wrong with this entire scenario, beginning with the team's participation in the cruise.

The Vikings were picked by many NFL analysts to not only win their division this year, but to also win the Super Bowl. Right now they're barely treading water, and they've become a joke to every sports writer in the world.

Why in the world does this team believe for a second that it is worthy of a weekend cruise? This team should be on the field practicing and worrying about not only improving its record, but also wiping away all of the blemishes it already has off the field.

The Vikings have a coach who scalped Super Bowl tickets. They've bruised their relationship with their city and their fans by endlessly campaigning for a \$675 million stadium, which would require \$400 million in public contributions.

Pleading for that kind of funding means the Vikings shouldn't only be winning, but also wearing halos and kissing up to the public every chance they get.

Instead, according to published reports, they're frolicking with hookers and strippers and living a hedonistic lifestyle void of rules or the law of the nation.

Behavior such as what they're

being accused of is unacceptable by anyone, especially people who — whether they like it or not — are viewed as role models by children and fans.

Role models aside, this kind of behavior is wrong, and if it turns out they truly were involved in lewd acts with paid escorts, then the punishment needs to be of the harshest kind.

If college players even so much as accept a \$20 bill from a booster, they're suspended. If a college player tests positive for marijuana, he's kicked off the team.

If a college player had been caught behaving in a manner such as the one that the Vikings players are currently accused of, then his college career would be over.

There are no second chances for college players. Why not set the same standard for NFL players? Entire teams lose scholarships and postseason eligibility if more than one player is involved in illegal activity.

If the Viking players are indeed guilty of what they are being accused of, then the NFL should make an example of them and set a new standard. Punish the team against the salary cap and make the team ineligible for the playoffs.

After all, it's not as if the Vikings will be going there any time soon anyway.

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Lightning can't strike in the same place twice, can it?

Far too often I'll be hanging out with my buddies making my usual off-color jokes and remarks much as I do in my columns, but in a much more candid manner.

Most often, my buddies will contribute their own dry humor, but the typical response I get from them is that I'm either going to be struck by lightning or I'm going straight to hell.

Well, I was definitely struck by lightning this weekend — in a figurative manner, of course.

Between the St. Louis Cardinals' attempt to gift wrap the National League Championship Series for the Houston Astros and the UCF football team's Jekyll-and-Hyde performance against Southern Mississippi, I think I'm pretty much charred to the bone.

I just couldn't catch a break with sports Saturday.

Watching the Cards' on-field re-enactment of the Titanic is like watching Stephen Hawking in a pole vault competition.

St. Louis is racking up injuries faster than Tara Reid's career is falling apart.

It's good to know that Brown Hospital in St. Louis is keeping a steady flow of customers, but this is ridiculous.

If the Cards even make it to Game 6, I'm pretty sure their starting lineup will consist of two batboys, a hot dog vendor and a poodle with a mitt stapled to its head.

Heck, we're a mild sneeze away from Larry Walker's hip shredding like a prom dress.

Watching the Cards lose on Saturday was like a rabbit punch to the kidneys, but the UCF blowout was a full-on chop to the throat.

I swear the combination of the losses had me thinking about putting Dr. Kevorkian's phone number on my speed dial.

First of all, my friends and I had to enter MacGyver mode just to watch the game since we ruled out Wackadoo's as a



ASHLEY BURNS

Managing Editor

viewing venue early on because we knew it would be slammed.

Then we discovered that every bar in the UCF area is void of Bright House cable, so none of them were able to order the pay-per-view airing.

Luckily, we were able to watch the game through a lap-top feed, which was actually kind of cool because it felt like we were watching one of those old NFL classic highlight shows on ESPN.

Thankfully, the grainy image kept us from seeing too much of the slaughter because I don't think I could stomach watching any more turnovers.

I don't even really know what to say about Saturday's loss to Southern Miss because I honestly don't think anyone expected that.

It's evident my little pre-game pep column on Thursday didn't help too much. If anything, it probably raised too much hope when we should have played a more humble role.

Humility is definitely the lesson I learned from Saturday's loss, because I was seriously starting to look up airfare for three different bowl games as of last week. Now I'm just waiting to see whether we can finish this season out with a .500 record.

Obviously, Southern Miss is a good team, and they certainly wanted to come out fighting after last week's embarrassing loss to Tulsa.

The Eagles pounded us like a whack-a-mole game, but with a 50-pound sledgehammer

instead of a foam mallet. That game was simply brutal.

I've seen some monster college football games — like pretty much every time we've ever played Liberty — and I don't think I can ever remember a time that I've seen a team winning 45-7 at halftime. It seemed as if every time we kicked off or punted the ball we let the Eagles start in the red zone. It was unreal.

It didn't help that we had some bad calls against us, but that's part of life, and I've been pleased with Conference USA referees for the most part. We can't blame bad calls on this loss.

Teams don't give up 52 points just because a ref blew a call.

There's really not much more I can say other than I'm shocked.

But it's not like I'm not used to a loss. It just stinks because I was really starting to like that winning feeling again. I know it's not over. Tulane is a cupcake and Houston and Rice are marshmallows.

I'm still looking up airfare for bowl games because I'm still confident. Heck, I even told some friends a third-place conference finish would be kind of sweet because we'd get to play in Hawaii in December.

I'm getting ahead of myself, though, and that's not fair to the team or the fans.

One game at a time is what we like to preach in the sports media world, so I guess I need to practice that.

After all, last season isn't that far behind us, and as Saturday proved, anything is possible in sports, especially the worst.

I might be looking up airfare and talking about bowl games, but I'm also looking over my shoulder.

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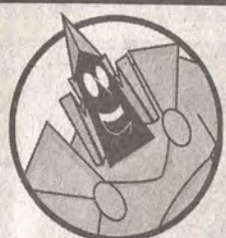
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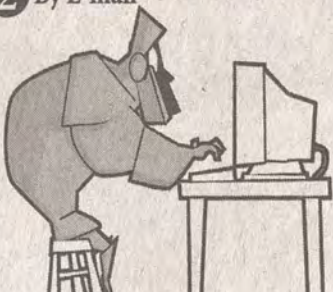
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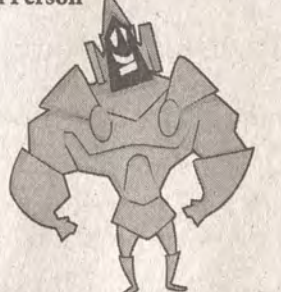
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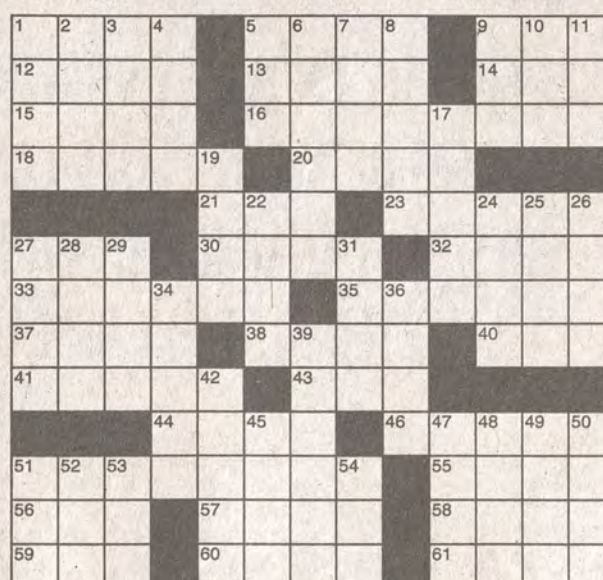
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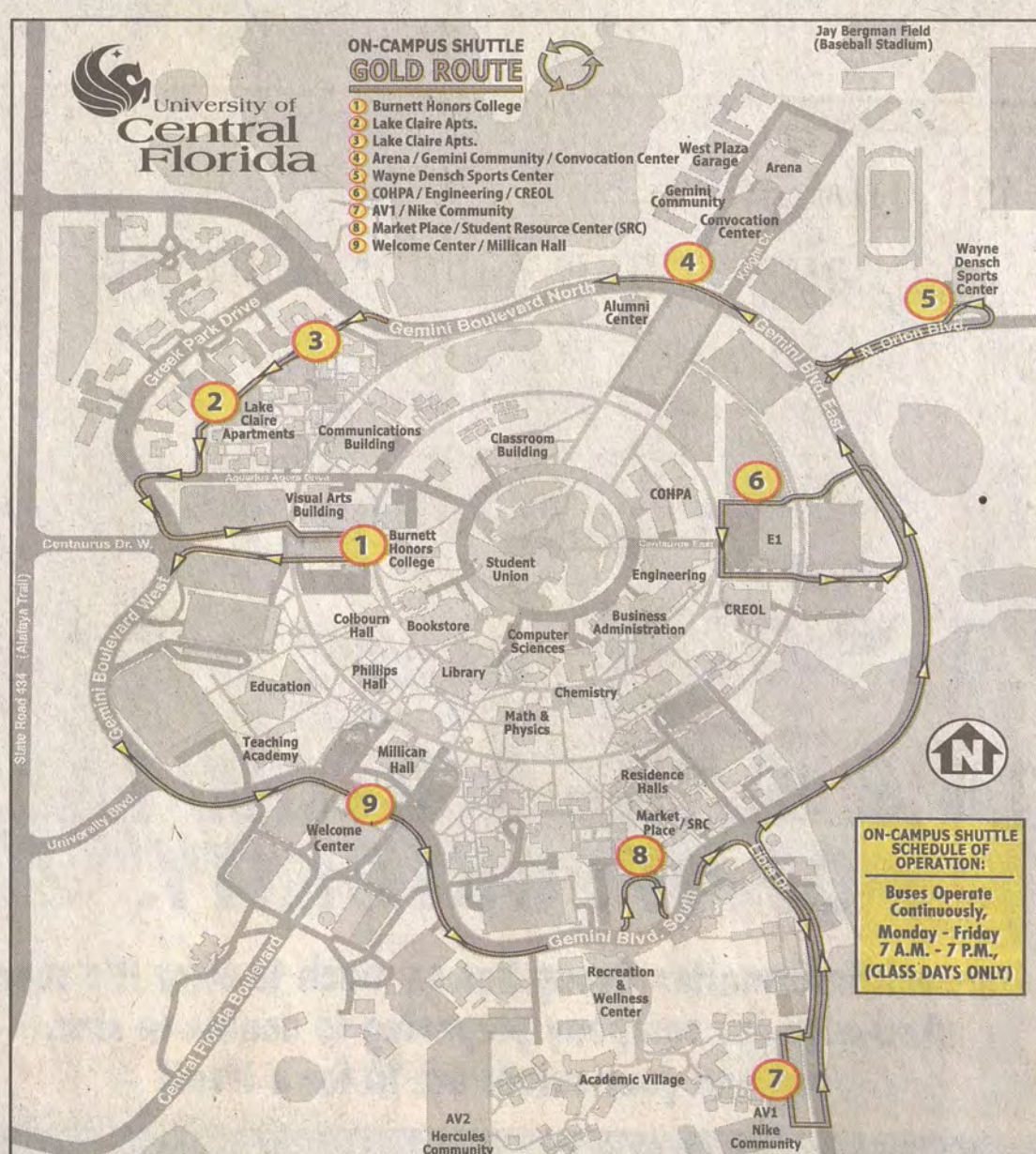
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